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## Register for the 2002 Potawatomi Heritage Festival

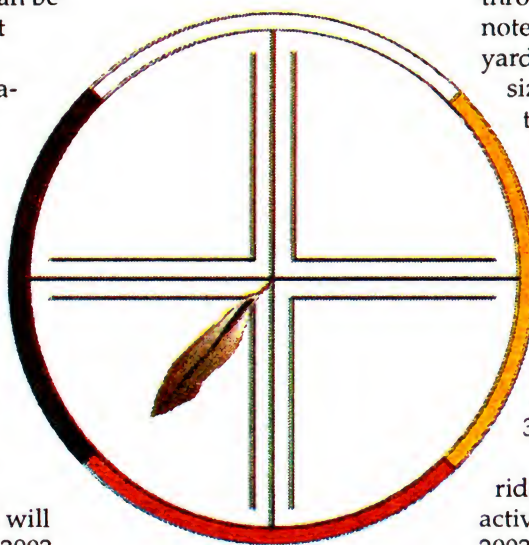
As June approaches, many of you are making plans to attend the 4th annual Potawatomi Heritage Festival, June 28, 29 and 30, 2002, in Shawnee, OK. The final touches have been put on this year's schedule and many of the activities are the same as in years past with the addition of three new activities: a moccasin making class, a shawl making class and a sundown motorcycle ride.

The moccasin making and shawl making classes will be held in the back room of the museum. The moccasin making class is scheduled for Friday, June 28, 2002 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Participants will learn how to make a moccasin pattern and will cut and sew a pair of Potawatomi-style buckskin moccasins. Participants will need to furnish their own

supplies, many of which can be purchased through the gift shop.

To make a pair of moccasins, you will need the following items: gloves needles - size 8 or 9, imitation sinew, buckskin hide, a pair of sharp scissors and a large paper sack or brown craft paper to make a pattern. The gloves needles, imitation sinew and buckskin hide will be available for purchase through the gift shop.

The shawl making class will be held Saturday, June 29, 2002 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In this class, you will learn how to make a dance shawl with hand-tied fringe. For this class, you will need the following: one and seven-eighths yards



polyester fabric (60"), hemmed a half inch on all four sides, size 7 crochet hook, awl, scissors and 3 yards of 14" Chainette fringe which can be purchased

through the gift shop. Please note: The one and seven-eighths yards of fabric is for an average-size shawl and you may want to adjust the yardage, depending upon your size.

Gabardine polyester fabric is the most popular fabric used for making shawls. For more information on the moccasin and shawl making classes, please contact Leslie Deer at 405-275-3119.

The sundown motorcycle ride will be one of the last activities on Sunday, June 30, 2002. The ride will begin at 3 p.m. and will take riders through the southern part of Pottawatomie County. If you are interested in going on the ride, please contact Chairman Barrett at 405-275-3121, as he

will be your tour guide.

On-line registration has been set-up at [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org) for those who wish to pre-register or if you do not have access to the Internet, you can contact Tribal Rolls and they will take your pre-registration information. You can also pre-register for any of the activities you will be participating in by contacting the appropriate person on the contact sheet in this edition.

The reunion families are: **BRUNO, DARLING, HARDIN, HIGBEE, LEWIS, NADEAU, SLAVIN and SMITH.** Each family will need to select a head dancer to lead their families during the honor songs. Be sure to encourage your family to attend this year's festival, as it is a great time for all who attend.

**Register online at [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org)**

## Two tribal positions draw four candidates this year

Filing for the June 29, 2002 elections closed Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at 5 p.m. The following individuals filled for the Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer positions:

- **VICE CHAIRMAN:** Linda Capps and John Rhodd
- **SECRETARY/TREASURER:** Mike Wood and D. Wayne Trousdale

Advertisements for these candidates are in this issue of the HowNiKan, as provided by the tribal election ordinance. Candidates are

given one free half-page ad. All four candidates paid an additional cost for full-page and color ads.

**All request for ballots must be mailed to:**  
**Election Committee**  
**P.O. Box 310**  
**Tecumseh, OK 74873**  
**Hand delivered requests cannot be accepted.**

## CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION REQUEST FOR BALLOT • 2002 ELECTION

To comply with the 2002 Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Ordinance, please complete this form and return to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Roll Number:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBAL ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE: JUNE 9, 2002

**Cut This Out & Return**



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## LOURAINE

Together again...

Kathlyn Margaret (Street) Louraine, born in Morriscastle, Wexford, Ireland, the sixth of April, 1909, crossed over, with God's help, the fourteenth of March, 2002, to be with her husband, John Harold Louraine, and family and friends who crossed over before her.

May they all have a wonderful time after all these years apart and find peace together.

Kathlyn, sent to a private Catholic school in Canada as a young girl, found herself stranded and unable to return home. Learning that life is a struggle and learning how to fight for herself, Kathlyn ultimately found her way back to the United Kingdom and home.

Residing in London, England, before World War II, Kathlyn worked as a model and handled all receipts at a large restaurant near Piccadilly Circus while the war continued.

During the war, Kathlyn met John Harold Louraine, an officer in the United States Army and Liaison Officer to France. They endured the war together.

John Harold Louraine, scheduled to fly the fifteenth of December, 1944, aboard a Norseman UC-64A, tenplace, single-engined utility transport aircraft manufactured by Noorduy Aviation, Ltd., Montreal, Canada, is "bumped" by a per-



son who is more important and the plane leaves for Paris, France, without him.

The plane is lost in the English Channel and everyone aboard is killed, including Glenn Miller and his music. John catches a later plane to Paris.

Kathlyn and John Harold were married January 1, 1945, and arrived in the United States in 1946 on the last sailing of the Queen Mary while it was on "loan" as a troop-carrier bringing our soldiers and families home from Europe.

Lt. Col. John Harold Louraine, crossed-over and was taken from Kathlyn and family in 1961.

Kathlyn had a wonderful, if sometimes rocky and lonely, life. Her strong spirit, her devotion to family and friends, along with her will to survive, made her "passing" difficult for her and for those who are still in this life who love her very much.

We are happy for this "classy" lady to now be pain-free and to be at peace with God and those who love her on "the other side."

I love you very much and I miss you, mom.

A memorial service was held at the Evergreen Chapel on the grounds of the New Tacoma Cemetery, 9212 Chambers Creek Road West, Tacoma, WA 98467, Wednesday the 20th of March, at 2:00 p.m.

## SCHOEMANN

Shawnee resident Larry Keith Schoemann, 62, died Friday in Oklahoma City.

He was born Feb. 3, 1940, in Concho, Okla., the son of D.W. and Frances (Forrester) Schoemann. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a descendent of Alexandria Bertrand.

He married Cathy Reeves in Wanette on Jan. 23, 1988.

He was reared in Wanette, Okla. and also lived in Missouri, Georgia, San Antonio and El Paso, Texas, Kansas, Germany, Maryland, Norman, Okla. for 7 years and Shawnee since 1998.

Larry was a graduate of Wanette High School and received an associate degree in business from El Paso Community College, a bachelors degree in management from Columbia College and a master's degree in management from the University of Oklahoma.

Schoemann retired from the U.S. Army in 1992 with the rank of Sergeant Major and retired as an administrator from the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs in 1999.

He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and served in Korea. During his military career, he also served in the NCOIC Emergency Room at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and attended clinical specialist school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and served as an instructor for Special Forces Medics.

He later was NCOIC of the prison ward in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and served in

## Walking on

Vietnam as a combat medic. Schoemann was the senior medical NCO at the

33rd Field Hospital in Germany.

Schoemann was active duty adviser for training of Army reserves with the 81st Army Reserve Command in Atlanta, GA.

He earned the rank of sergeant major at Fort Bliss, Texas and served in that capacity at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, for Professional Services 7th Medical Command in Europe, Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston and Health Services Command.

He was the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Combat Medical Badge, Bronze Star for Valor, Army Commendation Medal, two Purple Hearts, four Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal with 13 clusters, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Valorous Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign medal with three battle stars and was selected to Order of Military Order of Medical Merit for Significant contributions in the field of combat medicine.

He was a member of the Methodist faith, the American Legion, a life member of AMVET, DAV, VFW, Military Order of Purple Hearts and former Honorary Sgt. Major Medical Brigade.

Schoemann was preceded in death by his father, D.W. Schoemann; grandson, Alex Larkey; and first wife, Lee Schoemann.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy Schoemann of the home; three daughters and sons-in-law, Teri and Mike Reagin of Easton, Pa; Lori and Kevin O'Brien of Moore; and Kelly and Troy Long of Gage; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bryan Richards of Wanette and David and Carol Richards of Tahlequah; mother and stepfather, Frances and Gene Cossey of Tecumseh; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Gloria and Bill Shallcross and Rebecca and David Cryer, all of Norman; a brother and sister-in-law, Dee and Toni Schoemann of Bixby; mother-in-law, Leona Lewis of Shawnee; 10 grandchildren; and many friends and family.

Services were held April 2 at Wanette United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Adams Officiating. Burial followed at Wanette Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.

## GIBSON

Gloria Kathryn DeGraff Gibson born November 22, 1924 to Evelyn (Anderson) and Frederick DeGraff in Shawnee, OK. She died February 24, 2002 in Oklahoma City, OK after a long illness.

She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the granddaughter of Isadore DeGraff and the great granddaughter of Fanny Navarre.

Gloria retired from the DPW Employees Credit Union in 1989 where she was a loan officer, and was loved and respected by colleagues and members

alike. Many of these friendships continued throughout the rest of her life.

Gloria and her husband Charles were charter members of Rancho Village Baptist Church. They were very active in many church programs including serving as a Sunday School teacher, Falls Creek sponsors, tutor at an after school program for a neighborhood elementary school, and the Bereavement Committee.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Ginger Gibson; a brother and sister-in-law David and Evelyn DeGraff; three granddaughters, Seana Aniol, Alexandra Gibson, and Cassandra Gibson-Hoyt; and a great-granddaughter, Heather Aniol.

Gloria is preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Charles; a daughter Susan, and a great-grandson Anthony.

Services were held February 27 at Rancho Village Baptist Church.

## NEWSOM

Roy R. Newsom, 85, of San Diego died Feb. 9, 2002. He was born in Tipton, Oklahoma, Jan. 22, 1917.

He was an inventor and served in the Air Force during World War II. Roy was a member of the Episcopal Church and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He was a descendent of Catherine (Bergeron) Milot.

Survivors include his wife, Berneice Newsom; daughters, Ruth Leyse Wallace of Santee, Mary Clark of Borrego Springs, Linda Conley and Brook Burger, both of Vista; son, William Newsom of San Diego; sisters, Bernice Newsom of Oklahoma City and Neva Reed of Stillwater; brother, Durward Newsom of Stillwater; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

No services were held.

## TURK

Virginia Louise (Wano) Turk, known to her family and friends as "Doll," passed away on Feb. 19, 2002 at the age of 66. She was born on January 21, 1936, the daughter of the last Principal Hereditary Chief of the Citizen Band Potawatomi, Frank I. Shipshewano and Della Mae Wano. She resided in Oklahoma City with her husband of 45 years, James Turk.

She was very devoted to her family and a very caring and loving mother. Her family took great pride in the strength she instilled in them. Their comfort in their loss is knowing she is always watching over them. She will be greatly missed and will forever remain in the hearts of her family and loved ones.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Della Wano, sister Ruth LaRue Wano, and brother Franklin Wano.

Her surviving family includes her husband Jim; daughters Aline Westmoreland and Kathy Coker; son Jimmy Dean; 7 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 5 sisters, Geraldine Laughrey, Laveta McCraw, Clara Bridges, Shirley Stafford, and Barbara Dunn; 2 brothers, Max and Bill Wano; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## HOW-NI-KAN

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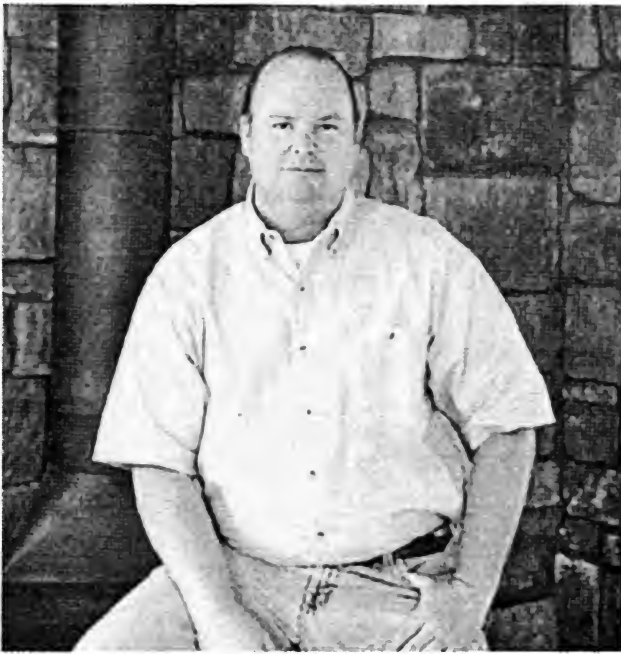
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Hello, my name is D.Wayne Trousdale and I am a candidate for Secretary/Treasurer of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I am 39 years old and live in Norman, Oklahoma with my wife of 12 years, Beth Marie, our daughter Brooke - 7, and our son, Beau - 3 years old.

I am a descendent of the Trousdale and Toupin families that came down from Kansas in 1872 and founded the town of Trousdale north of Wauwata on the old reservation. I have closely followed tribal affairs through my uncle, Bob Trousdale, who is the Deputy Administrator of the tribe. Just as many of you do, I also study our tribe through the information provided in the HowNiKan. I want the Potawatomi language, culture, and economic strength preserved for all time. I am proud of the accomplishments of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the part my family has played in it. I hope to contribute to its continued success if elected.

#### Qualifications:

1. Graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BBA in Finance.
2. President and CEO of Cedar Creek Lumber, Inc., which has total annual sales of \$250 million in its five branch locations and Managing Partner of two of those branches, which have annual sales of \$125 million. As one of its principal owners I was responsible for more than doubling the size of the company in the last five years.

#### Personal Activities:

My personal time is spent with my family and working with youth through my church. I have a great appreciation for music and I am also an avid hunter and fisherman.

1. Board Member of the Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp in Madill, Oklahoma, giving my time and energy to the Camp's promotion of youth services for Christ.

2. From 1997-2001, served as Board Member/Secretary-Treasurer of the Safari Club International in Oklahoma City, and, as Chairman of its largest charity function, raised approximately \$200,000 for the "Sportsman Against Hunger" campaign to help the needy. Also serve regularly as a volunteer for the Thanksgiving meal for the homeless.

# D. Wayne Trousdale

## Secretary/ Treasurer

Qualified

Dedicated

Capable

The Secretary/Treasurer must have a working knowledge of management, accounting and financial procedures.

Our tribe is a \$100 million dollar tribal operation. We cannot afford to elect a Secretary/Treasurer who has to "learn on the job".

If you believe that cooperation and sound business practices are the key to our success, I ask for your vote.

Chairman John Barrett supports me in my candidacy. I believe that the 71% of the voters in the last tribal election who voted for the present Chairman intended for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to run the daily affairs of the tribe.

The Business Committee should be a legislative body that sets all budgets, approves all contracts, and passes all laws necessary for the operation of the Nation. It should not try to manage daily business. The Courts should decide disputes between branches of government.

The Regional Councils should elect representatives to the legislative body of the tribe.

Any adult member of the tribe, anywhere, should be able to run for Chairman and Vice-Chairman on the condition that they live near Shawnee to serve their term.

All the meetings of the Tribal legislative body should be broadcast for viewing by anyone wishing to see it over the Internet.

Our language and culture and college courses should be taught over the telecommunications system created for the legislative body.

## Change the Constitution to accomplish this.





# WELCOME. NEW CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ENROLLEES!

The following persons were enrolled with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation under Previous Guidelines on February 28, 2002:

Erica Lynn Skutt  
Boedy Joe Black II  
Brissa Lynn Black  
Brian Lee Womack  
Sabrina Cherie Bishop  
Ashley Mae Ann Walker  
Amy Victoria Walker  
Cynthia Lynn Smith Hull  
Allison Eileen Hyde Pennington  
Ashley Lauren Pennington  
Haley Nichole Pennington  
James Floyd Nash, Jr.

The following persons were enrolled with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation by descendency on February 28, 2002:

Olivia DiAnne Lolocono  
Courtney Denise Wingfield  
Nikan Curleyhead Shaw  
Richard Edward Rayfield  
Stacey Ellen Lynn  
Sage Christian Lynn-Friend  
Austin Robert Dickson  
Brittney Marie Dickson  
Robert James Peters  
Amber Dawn Klein  
Aubree Noel Grunwald  
Chesnee Faith Ellifrits  
Cody Le'Nathan Clark  
Levi Douglas Lawson  
Chandy Danah Lawson  
Kabe Edge Lawson  
Angelee Denise Currie Grimmett  
Jayme Lynn Grimmett  
Jenna Rae Grimmett  
Zachary Scott Currie  
Garrett Ross Currie  
Natalie Nicole Elizabeth Hamilton

Kylee Lauren Keller  
Lori Lea Sheridan  
Amy Marie Guerich  
Sarah Marcel Guerich  
Michael Joseph Guerich  
John Henry Seedorf  
Elizabeth Ann Seedorf  
Gregory Darrell Robinson  
Taygen Raeann Scrivner  
Gregory Allen Torres  
Katrina Sophia Torres  
Sara Elizabeth Womack  
Olivia Marie Jones  
Andrew James Ball  
Chayne Elizabeth Ball  
Natalie Lynn Smith  
Rachel Jo Hill  
Jesse William Wetherington  
Janice Star Stefanich  
Donald Guy Brewer  
Destiny Elizabeth Bruno  
Jace Ray-Jones Milburn  
Warren Douglas Henry, Jr.  
Matthew Kidman Higbee  
John Earl Burns  
Lisa Ann Birdwell  
Marie Shea Kowals  
Christopher Lowell Chalberg  
Toby Roy Chalberg  
Megan Elizabeth Hays  
Garrett Brock Massey  
Rebekah Paige Massey  
Rylee Elizabeth Massey  
DeWayne Allen Brey  
Janelle Alicia McDaniel  
Tsa-we-ke Sunrise Dovichi-Cargill  
Emily Sha Lauman  
Joel Bryce Puckett  
Bridgette Michele Roberts  
Catherine Dawn Howell

Jason Scott Kelley  
Jim L. Lackey  
Jeffrey Scott Thomas  
Jason Wade White  
Dustin Lee White  
Jaden Charles Bise  
Steven Andrew Cromwell  
Nichollette Rose Marie Cromwell  
Katelynn Ann Henderson  
Joshua Francis Wheeler  
JM Curtis Wheeler  
Everett James Maggio  
Brandon Michael Brice  
Kevin Scot Brice  
Justin David Brice  
Tela Nicole Quinn  
Christopher Brian Quinn  
Tavien Janyus Payne  
Aaryn Richard Minyard  
Kristel Gayle Simmons  
Matthew Lee Curtis Gray  
Jacob Andrew-George Gray  
James Hampton Kiker  
Amy Nicole Hull  
Sarah Ann Byler Henry  
Marie Ruth Henry  
Grant Dakota Holloway  
Abygail Alysa Holloway  
Shelby Myriah Holloway  
Caly Maraie Bourbonnais  
Logan Jay Laughlin  
Sara Dawn Ballard  
Nathan Dean Johnson  
Mindy Marie Nunn  
Alexander Coy Samples  
William O'Dean Reaves  
Tanner Joe Wheeler  
Korey Jay Wheeler  
Hannah May Iva Goodin  
Mikinley Rae Wilson

Karen Dinelle Davila  
Michael Christopher Stone  
Emma Marie Melot  
Jacob Wyatt Johnson  
Scott Alan Melot  
Brent Christopher Melot  
Hilary Ann Daugherty  
Hannah Nell Daugherty  
Stacey Claire Burge  
Angela Marie Burge  
Dalton James Rickson  
Kaley Rose Witt  
James Leonard Isabella, Jr.  
Jamie Lyn Isabella  
John Paschal Isabella  
Larry Glen Dillman, Jr.  
Brooke Jeanette Pergola  
Daniel Luke Pergola  
Taylor Renee' Herrod  
George William Weaver III  
Dawn Alyse Murray  
Travis Martin Murray  
Brooke Rebekah Murray  
Tanner Lee Murray  
Troy Bridger Murray  
Tucker Scott Murray  
Matthew William Carney  
Phoenix Anthony Manjarrez  
Jason David Holloway  
Amy Sue Wagner Hones  
Nancy Jean Burns  
Linda Collette Langenkamp Chalberg  
Nancy Riva Langenkamp Poehl  
Kenneth Francis Cote  
Mellinda Christine Parsons  
Donna Delores Gebhart Fitch  
Mary Anna Lauver Benskin  
Loren Joseph Mesaros  
Judith Jean Mesaros Colon  
Christina Rae Smith Ising

## Health Matters: Childhood obesity is growing concern

The number of seriously overweight children and adolescents has more than doubled in the last three decades. Over 30 percent of children and teens are overweight. Recent data also shows that 2 out of 5 Native American children are overweight. An overweight child has a 70 percent chance of becoming an obese adult, which can lead to health problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and cardiovascular disease. It is interesting to note that the six leading causes of death are diet related.

Childhood obesity is also becoming more prevalent due to a decrease in physical activity because of the use of more computers, video games, television, and modern transportation. Obesity is also

becoming more prevalent because of the easy availability of fast foods and convenience foods such as high-fat/high-calorie snacks. Some other common causes of weight gain include: eating large portions, constant snacking, eating fried foods, eating junk foods, using foods as a reward, and eating food in front of the television.

Some eating tips to prevent obesity include: follow an eating pattern and try to schedule meals and snacks at the same time everyday, eat in one place — preferably at the kitchen table for all meals and snacks, do not have your children eat in front of the television, find alternative solutions to eating all of the time.

It is also important to encourage healthy snacking.

Some healthy snacks include: a bagel with reduced-fat cream cheese, unsweetened cereal with low-fat milk, reduced-fat cheese, reduced-fat crackers, pretzels, fresh fruit or canned fruit with the syrup drained and rinsed from the fruit, frozen fruit bars or sugar-free popsicles, frozen yogurt, sandwiches made with low-fat meat such as turkey breast or ham, and raw vegetables with fat-free dips. Another nutrition tip to know is that children past the age of 2 years do not need the extra fat from whole milk. A better choice would be to offer 1% or even skim milk. Also encourage more water drinking. Limit your child's juice intake to about one and a half cups per day since it is very concentrated with calories, and be sure that the juice

contains 100% fruit juice.

If you have any questions about your child's diet or eating habits contact the

dietitian, Christy Olson at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Clinic at 405-273-5236.

### "Native Youth Preventing Diabetes" Day Camp

This summer the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services along with the Kickapoo, Absentee Shawnee, Iowa, and Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Health Services will be hosting a diabetes prevention day camp entitled "NYPD- Native Youth Preventing Diabetes" for youth ages 10-14. The camp is no charge. The day camp is scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> of 2002 at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Topics that will be presented include: diabetes, substance abuse, dental/personal hygiene, and exercise. Physical activity sessions including aerobics, basketball, swimming, etc. will also be included between class sessions. Each child participating in the camp will receive a free t-shirt and lots of other prizes. If you are interested in enrolling your child in this camp please contact Christy Olson at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Clinic at 405-273-5236.



Dear Friends, Family and Fellow Tribal Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am a descendent of the Vieux/Bourbonnais families and currently live in Meeker, OK, with my wife, Dee, and our two sons, Zack 10 and Jacob 6. I enjoy watching my sons learn the importance of teamwork through their sporting activities. Family is important to me and as I begin my campaign, I want all of you to know, as my extended family, that I will do my best to voice your opinions through my position on the Business Committee.

I attended Seminole Junior College on a golf scholarship, then furthered my studies at the University of Oklahoma in Business Management. I am the director of FireLake Golf Course for the Nation and I am the controlling partner of Sunbelt Sod Farms. Since the purchase of the sod farm in 2000, the sales have increased by twenty-five percent. I am an active member of my church, where I frequently teach the word of God.

It is very important to me, and should be very important to you, that **I have been active in this tribe for the past 11 years**, in more than one capacity. I have met many of you at past Powwows or Festivals and look forward to meeting many more of you. Thank you for your support.

In Christ,  
Mike Wood

# Vote Mike Wood Secretary/Treasurer

## As Secretary/Treasurer I will:

- Make sure the financial position of the tribe, good or bad, is reported to you, the General Council, quarterly in the HowNiKan.
- Do my best to ensure that your opinions as tribal members are voiced through my position on the Business Committee.
- Protect our money as a tribe from misuse.
- Perform my duties and make decisions to the best of my ability as a Christian.

## Citizen Potawatomi Tribal Activities:

- Director of FireLake Golf Course for the past 11 years
- CPN, Inc./8-A Board Member
- Founder and Director of the Christian Visitation Team

## Other Native American Activities:

- Native American Junior Golf of Oklahoma, Board Member
- Native American Junior Golf Summer Camp, Instructor
- American Indian Broadcasting, Board Member
- Sunbelt Sod Farm, Co-Owner of the 420-acre sod farm

## Community Activities:

- Professional Golf Association (PGA), Member
- Oklahoma Stock Dog Association, Vice-President
- Meeker Little League Football Association, Vice-President
- Ordained Preacher

# Vieux/Bourbonnais Family

Paid for by Mike Wood, Rt. 2 Box 295B, Meeker, OK 74855



# EASTERN U.S. REGIONAL COUNCIL



L to R - Jeff Klein, Candy Walter, Chairman Rocky Barrett, Kathy Upchurch, Meredith Upchurch



Chairman Barrett and the wisest member, Henry McCauley, 88, from Baltimore, MD



Chairman Barrett and the youngest, Camille Steeprock, 2, from the Onondaga Nation in Syracuse, NY



Chairman Barrett and Kathy Upchurch from Atlanta, GA, who travelled farthest to attend.



From Left: Bob Trousdale, Adele Crump, Linda Capps, Alexander Crump

# FEBRUARY 16. 2002

Bob Carlile greets tribal members at the registration table.



Gene Bruno and his cousin Billy Bruno from Baltimore, MD.



Hilton Melot and Nicole Emmons from Brooklyn, NY. They are cousins.



Left: Linda Capps and Norma Jean McCarty, first place art winner from Upper Marlborough, MD

Right: Hilton Melot with second place winner John Pockrus of Bowmansville, PA

Far Right: Gene Bruno with third place winner Daryl Cooke from Richardsville, VA







# BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION  
SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 4, 2002

**Present:** Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman J. P. Motley, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale and Administrative Services Director Vickie Canfield

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Gary Bourbonnais, Election Committee

**Call to Order:** Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**First item of business:** Minutes of the previous Business Committee meeting of **January 23, 2002** were approved, as corrected, on a motion by Gene Bruno and **seconded** by Hilton Melot. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

**Second item of business:** 2002 Election Ordinance: The draft ordinance and all **revisions** were reviewed. Following review, there was a motion made by Linda Capps to **adopt** the 2002 Election Ordinance, as submitted. Motion seconded by Gene Bruno. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

**Third item of business:** There was a discussion regarding utilizing a mass mail out **from the** tribal rolls data base using first class postage in order to obtain forwarding **addresses**. Chairman Barrett estimated this would cost approximately \$6,000. It was **the** consensus of the committee that a letter be drafted and mailed, along with a **change** of address card, to all HowNiKan recipients.

**Fourth item of business:** Resolution 02-54 - A resolution appointing the members of **the** Election Committee and designating the Chairman for the tribal election to be held **June 29, 2002**. Motion to approve Resolution 02-54 was made by Hilton Melot and **seconded** by J. P. Motley. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

**Fifth item of business:** Resolution 02-55 - A resolution supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Sanitation Facilities Construction Program Application for funding through P. L. 86-121 offered through the U.S. Indian Health Service Project (\$87,000). Motion to **approve** Resolution 02-55 was made by Hilton Melot and seconded by J. P. Motley. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

**Sixth item of business:** Resolution 02-56- A resolution supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Sanitation Facilities Construction Program Application for funding through P. L. 86-121 offered through the U.S. Indian Health Service Project (\$63,000). **Motion to approve** Resolution 02-56 was made by Gene Bruno and seconded by Linda Capps. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

**Seventh item of business:** Resolution 02-57- A resolution supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Sanitation Facilities Construction Program Application for funding through P. L. 86-121 offered through the U.S. Indian Health Service Project (\$350,000). **Motion to approve** Resolution 02-57 was made by John Barrett and seconded by Linda Capps. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

**Eighth item of business:** Resolution 02-58- A resolution supporting payment to the **State Mechanical Services, Inc.** for services completed outside the original FireLake **Discount** Foods contracted price, which represents work on secondary chilled water **pump installation**, relocation of floral cooler and installation of Corrigan Misting **System**. Motion to approve Resolution 02-58 was made by Gene Bruno and seconded **by** Hilton Melot. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

**Ninth item of business:** Resolution 02-59 - A resolution authorizing a \$5,000 **contribution** to the State of Oklahoma for completion of the Capitol Dome, contingent **upon the** State of Oklahoma House Bill 2730 defeat. Motion to approve Resolution 02-**59** was made by Hilton Melot and seconded by Linda Capps. Passed 5 voting for, 0 **opposed**, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Tenth item of business: Resolution 02-60 - A resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$20,000 over a two-year period for equipment purchases and operational funds to establish the Citizen Potawatomi Nation FireLake Softball Complex. Resolution to approve 02-60 was made by Linda Capps and seconded by Hilton Melot. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Eleventh item of business: Resolution 02-61 - A resolution opening the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Burial Insurance Fund to all enrolled Tribal members effective July 1, 2002. Resolution to approve 02-61 was made by all 5 members and seconded by all 5 members. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Twelfth item of business: There being no further business before the Committee, motion to adjourn was made by Gene Bruno and seconded by J. P. Motley. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

Linda Capps, Vice-Chairman

Gene Bruno, Secretary/  
Treasurer

## RESOLUTION LOG

| Date    | Res. # | Title   | Vote (for, opposed, absent, abstentions) |
|---------|--------|---|--|
| 2-04-02 | 02-54  | A resolution appointing the members of the Election Committee and designating a Committee Chairman for the tribal election to be held June 29, 2002   | 5-0-0-0                                  |
| 2-04-02 | 02-55  | A resolution supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Sanitation facilities construction program application for funding through PL 86-121 offered through the U.S. Indian Health Service Project (Project 02-N66-\$87,000)   | 5-0-0-0                                  |
| 2-04-02 | 02-56  | A resolution supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Sanitation facilities construction program application for funding through PL 86-121 offered through the U.S. Indian Health Service Project (Project 02-N83-\$63,000)   | 5-0-0-0                                  |
| 2-04-02 | 02-57  | A resolution supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Sanitation facilities construction program application for funding through PL 86-121 offered through the U.S. IHS (Project 02-C63-\$350,000)  | 5-0-0-0                                  |
| 2-04-02 | 02-58  | A resolution supporting payment to State Mechanical Services, Inc. for services completed outside of the original Firelake Discount Foods contracted price, which represents work on secondary chilled water pump installation, relocation of floral cooler and installation of Corrigan misting system | 5-0-0-0                                  |
| 2-4-02  | 02-59  | A resolution authorizing a \$5,000 contribution to the State of Oklahoma for completion of the Capitol Dome, contingent upon the State of Oklahoma House Bill 2730 defeat.  | 5-0-0-0                                  |
| 2-4-02  | 02-60  | A resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$20,000 over a 2-year period for equipment purchases and operational funds to establish the Citizen Potawatomi Nation FireLake Softball Complex.   | 5-0-0-0                                  |
| 2-4-02  | 02-61  | A resolution opening the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Burial Insurance to all enrolled Tribal members effective July 1, 2002.  | 5-0-0-0                                  |



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## Scotch Doubles Bowling Rules

1. Scotch Doubles will be held at FireLake Bowling Center  
Friday, June 28, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, June 30, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.
2. Each team will consist of two (2) bowlers – 2 men, 2 women or 1 man and 1 woman. There is no age requirement to play in the Scotch Doubles Tournament. The first bowler rolls the first ball and the second bowler rolls the second ball.
3. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
4. Each team will play three (3) games.
5. This is not a sanctioned tournament it is just for fun.
6. Prizes are to be awarded as follows:  
First place team - \$200  
Second place team - \$150  
Third place team - \$100  
Prizes will be awarded after the last round is played on Sunday.
7. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Indian Car Contest Rules

1. The Indian Car Contest will be held in the FireLake Discount Foods parking lot on Saturday, June 29, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Car must be in running condition – the junkier the better.
3. Car must have current license and registration.
4. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
5. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place - \$150  
Second place - \$100  
Third place - \$75
6. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Volleyball Tournament Rules

1. The Volleyball Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 30, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. at the Powwow grounds.
2. Each team will consist of eight (8) players – of which there must be two (2) females, four (4) Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, and one (1) person over 45 years of age.
3. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
4. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place team - \$800  
Second place team - \$600  
Third place team - \$400  
Fourth place team - \$200
5. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Night Golf Tournament Rules

1. The Night Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 28, 2002 at 9:00 p.m. at FireLake Golf Course.
2. Each team will consist of five (5) players.
3. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
4. Registration will begin one (1) hour before starting time.
5. Each team will play nine (9) holes.
6. Shotgun start.
7. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place team - \$500  
Second place team - \$375  
Third place team - \$250
8. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Golf Tournament Rules

1. The Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 29, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. at FireLake Golf Course.
2. Each team will consist of five (5) players.
3. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
4. Registration will begin one (1) hour before starting time.
5. Shotgun Start.
6. The format will be best ball scramble.
7. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place team - \$500  
Second place team - \$375  
Third place team - \$250
8. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Softball Tournament Rules

1. The Softball Tournament will begin on Saturday, June 29, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at the softball fields just south of FireLake Discount Foods.
2. Each team will consist of eleven (11) players – of which there must be three (3) females and one (1) person 45 years of age or older. All players must be 13 years of age or older to play.

3. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children. Employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation are not eligible to play in the softball tournament.
4. Roster must be turned in fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the first game.
5. Once roster has been turned in, no other names may be added. Participants can only be on one (1) roster.
6. Of the eleven-person team, only ten (10) players will play at a time.
7. Single elimination.
8. Five innings or one (1) hour time limit whichever comes first.
9. Run rule is eight (8) runs after four (4) innings.
10. A coin will be tossed to determine home team.
11. Line up must be turned in fifteen (15) minutes before each game.
12. No over the fence home runs. A fair ball hit over the fence will be an automatic out.
13. The umpires decisions and judgments are final.
14. With the exception of the above rules, ASA rules will apply.
15. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place team - \$1100  
Second place team - \$825  
Third place team - \$550  
Fourth place team - \$330  
Fifth place team - \$110
16. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Men's and Women's Dancing Rules

1. The Men's and Women's Dancing will be held Saturday, June 29, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at the Pow wow grounds.
2. Only Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members may enter.
3. Registration is open from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, June 29, 2002 at the pow wow grounds announcers stand.
4. Dancers must make Grand Entry.
5. Numbers must be worn at all times.
6. Spot checks may take place for points during inter-tribal dances.
7. The loss of any major item of regalia will result in disqualification.
8. There will be a dance off in the event of a tie.
9. The Arena Director will decide in the event of any dispute of the rules.
10. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place - \$500  
Second place - \$200  
Third place - \$200  
Fourth place - \$200  
Fifth place - \$200
11. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Mini Putt Tournament Rules

1. The Mini Putt Tournament will be held Sunday, June 30, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at FireLake Mini Putt.
2. Match Play – names drawn from hat for each round. Individual play.
3. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
4. Nine (9) holes will be played. If tied at the end of nine holes, there will be a sudden death shootout. Next hole of sequence will start the sudden death.
5. Balls must be hit from one of the three center holes on the rubber pad to start each hole.
6. Winner of the hole will putt first on the next hole.
7. Must continue putting until your ball is in the hole.
8. Ball may be moved one (1) putter head from rail or obstacle, but not nearer the hole.
9. One (1) stroke penalty for balls being hit and leaving putting surface. If a ball leaves the putting surface, it must reenter at the point of exit.
10. Must use a FireLake Mini Putt ball and putter.
11. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place - \$150  
Second place - \$100  
Third place - \$75
12. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Rules

1. The 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held Saturday, June 29, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at the pow wow grounds.
2. There will be men's only teams and mixed teams.
3. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
4. Games will be played using one basket.
5. A coin toss will determine first possession of the basketball.
6. Games will be played to the score of fifteen points or ten minutes, whichever occurs first. The clock is not stopped, save for injury. No time-outs.
7. If score is tied at the end of the ten-minute time limit, a two-minute overtime period will be played with all relevant numbers carried forward.
8. An official scorekeeper and referee will be provided. The referee's decision is final and any protest may lead to disqualification of that player.
9. All in bounding of the ball will be from the designated in-bounds spot. In-bounds pass is required.

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10. After a team has scored a goal, the opposing team will be given the ball at a designated spot on the court to be thrown in bounds.
11. The ball must be "checked" by the defending team before the ball can be thrown in bounds.
12. On each possession, while the ball is still in play, such as a rebound, an intercepted pass, or a steal, the team gaining possession must advance the ball to the outside three-point line before it can legally attempt to score. If a team fails to adhere to this rule, but attempts a shot, then the ball will become dead and the opposing team will be given possession of the ball at the designated in bound spot. Both feet of a player advancing the ball must pass the three-point line to validate a legal possession to score.
13. Fouls will accumulate as team fouls and a penalty point will be awarded the offended team after the other team has committed six team fouls and all succeeding fouls will bring the same result. The team receiving a penalty point will also be awarded possession of the ball.
14. Sportsmanship will be expected from all players. A player disqualified for any reason will lose eligibility for the remainder of the tournament. Two players from one team being disqualified for any cause will result in that team's forfeiture.
15. Excessive roughness or lack of sportsmanship by a player may result in disqualification.
16. Bracketing will be determined by a random draw of teams in a blind drawing.
17. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place team - \$300  
Second place team - \$225  
Third place team - \$150
18. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Archery Competition Rules

1. The Archery Competition will be held Sunday, June 30, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. west of the pow wow grounds.
2. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
3. There will be at least three people assigned to a shooting squad, and not more than five.
4. Part of the shooter's body must touch the stake while shooting. If the archer shoots from the wrong colored stake, the target is scored a "0".
5. Each shooter will be allowed only one arrow per target. If more than one arrow is shot at a target by a shooter, that shooter will receive a "0" for that target. If this occurs more than once by the same shooter, the shooter will be disqualified.
6. NO discussion of yardage. Any exchanging of target information with spectators and/or other competitors anywhere on tournament grounds will result in a "0" for that days score.
7. **No range finding devices of any type will be allowed.** This includes marks on bows, sights, arrows and/or any other equipment carried by the archer. Any violations of this rule will result in disqualification.
8. Binoculars will be allowed at CPN tournaments and will be checked at random – if requested by another competitor. Any binoculars that have been pre-marked by the factory or marked in such a way that would aid the shooter in determining distance are prohibited. Anyone found using binoculars as a range finding device will be immediately disqualified. The shooting group may use binoculars at any time before, during and after their shooting turn.
9. No practicing on any of the competition ranges. There will be a practice range available.
10. No holding up groups while searching for lost arrows. You should have enough arrows to get you through the competition.
11. An archer will be allowed to leave the range as long as it is approved. The archer must check in within 15 minutes of leaving if he/she wants to continue shooting. The archer will be allowed to return to his/her squad. If the shooter needs to shoot any missed targets; this will be done in front of a range official. Any shooter that leaves the range by himself will not be allowed to re-start the course, unless approved by the CPN official.
12. In the case of equipment failure, the archer must notify a range official immediately. That range official will hold the archer's card until the repair is completed, and he/she is escorted back to the range. In the event the archer needs to re-shoot any targets, he/she will be escorted by the range official back to the targets missed, and finish the range with the group that is on that target. **The archer has 45 minutes to get the equipment replaced or repaired.** Equipment failure can be called by the shooter at any time. There does not have to be a visible failure to a range official. Equipment failure **can only be called one time** during each 20 target round. The shooter knows, and is a better judge of whether his/her equipment is failing. The calling of equipment failure is left up to the discretion of the shooter.
13. After you set your sites and draw your bow, you cannot reset your sites after a let down. The result of such action will be a "0" for that target.
14. Each arrow must remain in the target until all arrows are scored. To attain the higher score the arrow shaft must touch the line. All judgments must be made before the arrows are removed from the target. The members of the group shooting must agree upon all scores. Shooting groups will be solely responsible for judging all arrows and scores. A majority of the group rules the score of the arrow. If there is a tie on the call of the arrow, the shooter will receive the benefit of the doubt, and the arrow will receive the higher score. A shooter has no input or opinion on the call of their own arrow. Inaccurate totals will result in that shooter receiving the lower score.
15. Shooters are responsible for their own scorecards. No duplicate cards will be issued for lost, stolen, or damaged cards. Scorecards will be coded for each class. Shooters will pick up their scorecards at the regular station at the start of each range before shooting their round. Scorecards must be turned in to regular station at the end of each range no more than five minutes after completion of the round. **The shooter and the scorekeeper must sign scorecards.** Once the scorecard has been signed it cannot be altered except by a CPN official. All cards must be completely filled in with legible information, including target, score, and total number of twelve rings. Any blocks left open will result in a no score for the round.

16. All arrows passing through the target must be pushed back through to be scored.
17. Any arrow with the point not embedded in the target will be scored a "0" unless otherwise stated in these rules. Arrows with nock end embedded in target or arrows that are leaning against target but not embedded in target will be scored a "0".
18. There will be five different possible scores per target: 12 points, 10 points, 8 points, 5 points and 0 for misses or pass through.
19. A controlled letdown must be verbally announced prior to the letdown. When a shooter verbally announces a controlled letdown prior to the shot, and the string releases the arrow, that arrow can be re-shot without penalty.
20. If any part of the archer's equipment fails or breaks during the shot and the arrow travels more than 5 (five) yards from the shooting stake the arrow is considered shot.
21. All scoring ties will be broken by the number of 12's scored except in the event of a first place tie. In the event of a first place tie a sudden death shoot-off will take place until the tie is broken. The purse for all true ties (after 12's have been counted) will be added together and divided equally between the archers that are tied.
22. An arrow that is embedded into the end of another arrow (Robin Hood) will be scored the same as the arrow that it is embedded in.
23. An arrow that strikes another arrow on the way to the target, and demolishes the nock end of the arrow that is in the target, will receive the score of the damaged arrow or the actual score whichever is higher. The damaged arrow must have enough damage caused to the rear of the arrow that it cannot be shot.
24. Any person violating any of the above stated rules can be disqualified.
25. Any shooter who disobeys a shoot official's orders, may be disqualified from that event.
26. All contestants competing in CPN events are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times, toward non-competitors and competitors alike. This shall include the area of safety, conservation and courtesy. Violators of this rule WILL be disqualified.
27. Any unfavorable conduct or action by a competitor, which could negatively reflect CPN, will be grounds for disqualification, and or rejection of future entry applications.
28. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place - \$150  
Second place - \$100  
Third place - \$75
29. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Fry Bread Competition Rules

1. The Fry Bread Competition will be held Saturday, June 29, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. at the pow wow grounds.
2. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
3. All fry bread must be made from scratch at the contest site. Tables will be provided. Each contestant will be responsible for providing his or her own ingredients, pots, pans, grease, utensils, grates, etc.
4. Each contestant may use wood, kerosene, electric, propane, etc. for cooking the fry bread.
5. Preparation for the contest, such as fire and dough may begin no earlier then 4:00 p.m. and no contestant shall begin cooking before 5:00 p.m. All fry bread must be cooked and submitted for judging by 5:45 p.m. No fry bread will be accepted after 5:45 p.m.
6. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place - \$150  
Second place - \$100  
Third place - \$75
7. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Horseshoe Tournament Rules

1. The Horseshoe Tournament will be held Friday, June 28, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pecan Grove on FireLake Golf Course.
2. Individual play – men vs. women.
3. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
4. Prizes to be awarded as follows:  
First place - \$150  
Second place - \$100  
Third place - \$75
5. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Traditional Hand Games Rules

1. The Traditional Hand Games will be held Friday, June 28, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at the Round House.
2. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
3. **Equipment** – Bones, Sticks, Pointers and Flags. Two (2) bones for each team, fourteen (14) sticks for each team, one (1) pointer for each team and one (1) "Flag" for each team.
4. **Teams** – groups of seven men or women (minimum 6 of one and 1 of the other). They must be adults 18 or over. They choose among themselves a "LEADER" (The team can change LEADERS between rounds if they want to.) The LEADER then picks a "HIDER" and a "PICKER". (The LEADER can change the HIDER and the PICKER at will, any time he wants except while they are actually hiding the bones or picking against another team.)

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5. **THE GAME** - Two teams of seven sit opposite each other in rows of chairs. A coin flip decides who will PICK first. The LEADER of the team that is hiding picks two members of his team to stand. The HIDER for that team stands behind each of the standing members of his team and hides, or pretends to hide, one of two "bones" in their hands held behind them. Once the bones have been hidden and the HIDER has sat down, they must hold their hands in front of them. The PICKER from the other team stands six feet away and decides whether they have (1) both bones in their left hands, in which case he holds his pointer to their left, or (2) the bones are in their right hands, in which case he points the pointer to their right, or (3) the bones are in their inside hands, in which case he holds the pointer straight up, or (4) the bones are in their outside hands, in which case he holds his pointer level with his hand in the middle. The people hiding the bones may make faces, and move their hands and bodies, but make no noise or move their feet. The choices by the PICKERS must be made for all teams within 5 seconds after the drum stops.
6. **Drum Songs** - The drum and singers will start a song as soon as the people have quieted down a little from the previous "hide and pick". The LEADER must stand and select his two people to "hold the bones" and get them to the string line and the HIDER must have placed the bones in the "holders" hands and returned to his seat before the drum stops. The only ones allowed standing when the drum stops are the pair "holding the bones" and the other teams' PICKER. If the picker is right, his team gets a bone from the other team. If the hiders fool him, their team gets a bone from the pickers team. Each team alternates hiding and picking until one team has all of the others bones. Each team will have bones marked or colored differently. Teams must rotate the pairs of people holding the bones so that everyone gets to hold in as many possible pairs as they have sticks. PICKERS can stay the same if their LEADER wants them to stay. If the team wants to change PICKERS, and the LEADER does not, they must pick another LEADER. The LEADER and PICKER and HIDER must also "hold the bones" at some time during the game. When the HIDER is holding bones, the LEADER hides for him. As one team is eliminated, by single elimination, they sit on the sidelines and the winners play each other until one team wins. FOUR rounds will be played with the winning team members getting \$50 each for winning a round plus their share of the "BUY".
7. **Buying the Flag** - Each teams' flag will be sold at auction before the start of the game. The person buying the winning teams' flag gets \_ or 75% of the money paid into the entire auction, and the winning team will get \_ or 25% of the money paid into the entire auction. A new auction will be conducted before each round.
8. Prizes to be awarded as follows:
  - 7 person team wins \$350 each round - 4 rounds will be played.
  - Team buyer wins 75% of auction money and team wins 25% of auction money
9. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Checkers Tournament Rules

1. The Checkers Tournament will be held Friday, June 28, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the North tent on the pow wow grounds.
2. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
3. Players must be 12 years of age or older
4. Players are matched by drawing numbers
5. Choice of black or red checkers will be decided between players
6. Players begin the game upon instructions from monitor
7. The monitor's decision is final in the event of a dispute
8. **Object:** The object of checkers is to be the first player to either capture all of your opponent's checkers or make it impossible for you opponent to make a move.
9. **Set Up:** Checkers is played by two players on a board of 64 squares called a checkerboard. Players sit opposite each other and position the board so that black squares are at the far left. Each player takes 12 checkers of the same color and positions them on the black squares.
10. **Playing:** Black always moves first. Players then alternate turns, moving one checker per turn. At the start of the game, all checkers move as single pieces. A single piece may later become a king. A single check may move only forward on the black diagonal, one square at a time.
11. **Capturing or Jumping:** A player captures an opposing piece by jumping over it when the square behind the opposing piece is vacant. A checker can make multiple jumps as long as it continues to move forward.
12. Players **must** jump if possible.
13. **Crowning:** When a checker reaches the first row of the opponent's side, it becomes a king. The opponent places one of the captured checkers on that piece and the two checkers then move as one unit. A king has the same powers as a single piece, plus the ability to move backward as well as forward. Moves in both directions can be combined in a series of jumps. If a single piece reaches kings row by jumping over an opposing checker, it must wait until the next turn before jumping as a new king.
14. **Winning:** The first player to capture all of the opponent's checkers or to prevent the opponent from moving any remaining checkers is the winner.
15. Prizes to be awarded as follows:
  - First place - \$150
  - Second place - \$100
  - Third place - \$75
16. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Domino Tournament Rules

1. The Domino Tournament will be held Friday, June 28, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the North tent on the pow wow grounds.

2. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
3. Players must be 12 years of age or older.
4. Double-six dominos will be used.
5. Two players per game.
6. Players are matched by drawing numbers.
7. Players begin play upon instructions from monitor.
8. Game begins by shuffling the pieces that have been turned face down so the "spots" do not show.
9. Players draw for lead with player highest domino leading.
10. Players then reshuffle and draw seven pieces with remaining pieces set aside for further use (bone yard).
11. Any domino can lead.
12. Pieces are played end to end but all doubles are set upright across the line.
13. First double played becomes the spinner (can be played off sides).
14. Scoring is in multiples of five (5).
15. If a player does not have a play, he must draw from the bone yard until he has a play.
16. If either player cannot play, and all dominoes have been drawn from the bone yard, the player holding the least number of points receives his opponent's points in hand.
17. First player to score 250 points is the winner of the match.
18. The players inform the monitor of the winner.
19. Winner advances to next match as directed by monitor.
20. Winners of the final two games will play for first and second place. Losers of final two games will play each other for third place.
21. Cash prizes will be distributed at the end of the final game.
22. **The monitor's decision is final in the event of a dispute.**
23. Prizes to be awarded as follows:
  - First place - \$150
  - Second place - \$100
  - Third place - \$75
24. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.

## Chess Tournament Rules

1. The Chess Tournament will be held Friday, June 28, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. in the North tent on the pow wow grounds.
2. Eligible participants are Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, their spouses and children.
3. Players must be 12 years of age or older or have several years of playing experience.
4. Two players per game.
5. Players are matched by drawing numbers.
6. Players begin play upon instructions from monitor.
7. **Set Up:** Each player starts by taking 16 pieces of the same color. The relative strength as to the value of the piece is: Pawn - 1; Bishop - 3; Knight - 3; Rook - 5; Queen - 10.
8. **Playing:** Captures are made by moving a piece onto the square an opposing piece occupies, thereby displacing it. Two pieces can never occupy the same space at the same time. White always moves first and only one piece may be moved per turn. Each piece moves as follows:
9. **Pawn:** The Pawn can only move in a forward direction. From its starting position, the Pawn may be moved one or two squares. After that, it may be moved only one square at a time. Since the Pawn cannot jump over any pieces, any chess piece directly in front of it blocks it from moving. A Pawn may only capture an opposing piece that is on a square diagonally in front of it. If a player is able to advance a Pawn to the opposite end of the board, the player may replace it with any piece, except a King. Usually a Queen is chosen, permitting a player to have more than one Queen in the game.
10. **Rook:** The Rook can move either horizontally or vertically, but not both on the same move. **Queen:** The Queen is the most powerful piece in the game. It is able to move in eight directions, any number of spaces, but may not jump over another piece. **Bishop:** The Bishop moves on the diagonal and in one direction per move. Each Bishop starts out on a different color square and travels on that color throughout the game. **Castling:** Castling is a special move that is only allowed once per player per game. It involves moving the King and Rook. A player may Castle only if (1) Neither the Rook nor King has been moved previously. (2) All the squares between the Rook and King are unoccupied. (3) The King is not in "check" or will not pass through "check." **Knight:** The Knight is the only piece that can move over its own or opponent's pieces. The Knight moves two spaces in a row (any direction) and one over. **King:** The King may move one square per turn in any direction. The King may never move to a square where it would be liable to capture by an opposing piece. **Check and Checkmate:** When a King is in a position in which there is no move to escape capture, it is said to be "checkmated" and the game ends. When an opposing player moves a piece to a position that threatens the King, the opposing player calls out "check," to alert the player that the King is in danger. To get out of "check," a player may either: capture the attacking piece, move the King out of danger or place another piece between the attacking piece and the King.
11. **Note:** A player may never make a move that leaves the King open to capture.
12. **Draws:** A game is "drawn" when the pieces remaining on the board are too weak to force a "checkmate" or when one player keeps an opposing King in "check" indefinitely. A game is also "drawn" when: (a) Players agree to end the game. (b) There is a "stalemate." This occurs when a King is not in "check," but its only move puts it into "check."
13. **The playoff games for the top three places may be subject to timing.**
14. **The monitor's decision is final in the event of a dispute.**
15. Must have Festival registration badge to participate.



# Heritage Festival Schedule

## FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2002

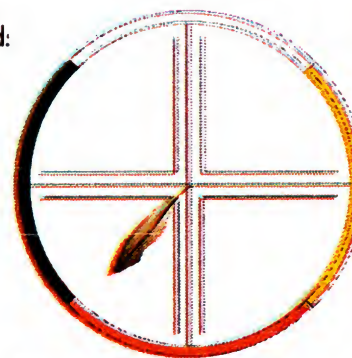
- 8:00 a.m. Registration Begins at Pow Wow Grounds and Tribal HQs  
 8:30 a.m. Regional Director Meeting - Cafeteria - Tribal Headquarters  
 9:00 a.m. **Youth Arts & Crafts - Tribal Headquarters**  
**Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds**  
 10:00 a.m. Softball Tournament-Sign-Up - South of FireLake Discount Foods  
 'Trail of Death' Movie & Language and Culture Study - Museum  
 12:00 p.m. Vendors Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds  
 1:00 p.m. Health Screenings/Fair and Tour (until 5:00 p.m.) - Health Complex  
**Youth Arts & Crafts - Tribal Headquarters**  
**Domino & Checkers Tournament 12 & under - Tribal Headquarters**  
**Swimming Pool Open until 5:00 p.m. - Tribal Headquarters**  
 2:00 p.m. 'Trail of Death' Movie & Language and Culture Study - Museum  
 4:00 p.m. Scotch Doubles Bowling - FireLake Lanes  
 5:00 p.m. Chess Tournament - North Tent - Pow Wow Grounds  
 Horseshoe Tournament - Pecan Grove - FireLake Golf Course  
 6:00 p.m. Domino Tournament - North Tent - Pow Wow Grounds  
 7:00 p.m. Checkers Tournament - North Tent - Pow Wow Grounds  
**Dancing Under the Stars with live DJ - Tribal Headquarters**  
**Swimming Pool Open until 10:00 p.m.**  
 8:00 p.m. Traditional Hand Games - Round House - Pow Wow Grounds  
 Registration for Night Golf Begins - FireLake Golf Course  
 9:00 p.m. Country & Western Dance - South Tent - Pow Wow Grounds  
 Night Golf - scramble - FireLake Golf Course  
 11:00 p.m. Extreme Bowl - FireLake Lanes

## SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2002

- 7:00 a.m. Voting opens (until 2:00 p.m.) - Longroom  
 7:30 a.m. Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds - served until 10:00 a.m.  
 Registration for Golf Tournament Begins - FireLake Golf Course  
 8:30 a.m. Golf Tournament - FireLake Golf Course - 5 person teams  
 Fry Bread Competition - Pow Wow Grounds  
 Vendors Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds  
 9:00 a.m. Health Screenings/Fair and Tour - Health Complex until 2:00 p.m.  
 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - Pow Wow Grounds  
 Open Bowling - FireLake Lanes  
 Housing Registration - First Aid booth at Pow wow grounds  
 Softball Tournament - Fields South of FireLake Discount Foods  
**Youth Arts & Crafts - Tribal Headquarters**  
**Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds**  
**Petting Zoo and Rides - Pow Wow Grounds**  
 10:00 a.m. 'Trail of Death' Movie & Language and Culture Study - Museum  
**Swimming Pool Open until 5:00 p.m.**  
 11:00 a.m. **Softball Throw 12 & Under - Tribal Headquarters**  
**3 on 3 Basketball 12 & Under - Tribal Headquarters**  
 1:00 p.m. Pow Wow Dance Lessons - Round House - Pow Wow Ground:  
 2:00 p.m. 'Trail of Death' Movie - Museum  
 3:00 p.m. General Council - Bingo Hall  
 5:30 p.m. Gourd Dancing - Round House  
 6:30 p.m. Best Indian Car Contest - Pow Wow Grounds  
 8:00 p.m. Grand Entry - Dance - Pow Wow Grounds  
 11:00 p.m. Extreme Bowl - FireLake Lanes

## SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2002

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast - pow wow grounds - ends at 10:00 a.m.  
 9:00 a.m. Church Services - Round House - Pow Wow Grounds  
 Orphan Singers - Round House - Immediately following Church  
**Youth Arts & Crafts - Tribal Headquarters**  
**Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds**  
 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Bus Tour - Longroom - lunch provided  
**Swimming Pool Open until 1:00 p.m.**  
 11:00 a.m. Open Bowling - FireLake Lanes  
 1:00 p.m. Archery Tournament - West of Pow Wow Grounds  
 2:00 p.m. Mini Putt Tournament - FireLake Mini Putt - Pow Wow Grounds  
 3:00 p.m. Sundown Motorcycle Ride - Leave from Pow Wow Grounds  
 4:00 p.m. Volleyball - Pow Wow Grounds  
 Scotch Doubles Bowling - FireLake Lanes



## Contact Information

### Registration

Mary Farrell 405-275-3121 or mfarrell@potawatomi.org  
**Youth Arts & Crafts, Kiddie Land, Swimming Pool, Swimming under the stars, DJ by the pool, Children's Karaoke and Dance Contest**

Janet Draper 405-273-3216 or jdraper@potawatomi.org  
 Donnette Littlehead 405-878-4861 or dlittlehead@potawatomi.org

### Softball Tournament

Richard Driskell 405-878-4850 or rdriskell@potawatomi.org

### Scotch Doubles Bowling, Extreme Bowl, Open Bowl

Billie Anderson 405-275-2855 or banderson@potawatomi.org

### Fry Bread Competition

Patsy Cooper 405-275-5269 or pcooper@potawatomi.org  
 Carol Clay-Levi 405-275-5269 or cclaylevi@potawatomi.org

### Horseshoe Tournament, Night Golf and Golf Tournament

Mike Wood 405-275-4471 or mwood@potawatomi.org

### Traditional Hand Games

Rocky Barrett 405-275-3121 or rbarrett@potawatomi.org

### Domino Tournament, Checkers Tournament and Chess Tournament

Linda Capps 405-275-3121 or lcapps@potawatomi.org or  
 Bob Trousdale 405-275-3121 or btrousdale@potawatomi.org

### Country & Western Dance

Denise Lackey 405-878-4833 or dlackey@potawatomi.org

### Voting

Cathie Hanson 405-275-3121 or chanson@potawatomi.org

### Health Screening

Bill Thorne 405-273-5236 or bthorne@potawatomi.org

### 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Bob Trousdale 405-275-3121 or btrousdale@potawatomi.org

### Housing Registration

Bob Carlile 405-275-3121 or bcarlile@potawatomi.org

### Youth Games, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides

Janet Draper 405-273-3216 or jdraper@potawatomi.org or  
 Donnette Littlehead 405-878-4861 or dlittlehead@potawatomi.org

### Pow wow Dance Lessons

Leslie Deer 405-275-3119 or lbarichello@potawatomi.org

### General Council

Rocky Barrett 405-275-3121 or rbarrett@potawatomi.org

### Best Indian Car Contest

Gary Smith 405-878-4660 or gsmith@potawatomi.org

### Gourd Dancing and Grand Entry

Leslie Deer 405-275-3119 or lbarichello@potawatomi.org

### Church Services

Mike Wood 405-275-4471 or mwood@potawatomi.org

### Sacred Heart Bus Tour

Vickie Canfield 405-275-3121 or vcanfield@potawatomi.org or  
 Cathie Hanson 405-275-3121 or chanson@potawatomi.org

### Volleyball

Gary Smith 405-878-4660 or gsmith@potawatomi.org

### Trail of Death Movie

Rhonda Butcher 405-275-3121 or rbutcher@potawatomi.org

### Museum and Gift Shop

Leslie Deer 405-275-3119 or lbarichello@potawatomi.org

### Archery

Linda Capps 405-275-3121 or lcapps@potawatomi.org

### Mini Putt Tournament

Bob Trousdale 405-275-3121 or btrousdale@potawatomi.org

\*\*\*SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

\*\*Eligible participants in the activities include Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and Citizen Potawatomi Nation employees, their spouses and children. \*\* Must have festival registration to participate in the activities. \*\* Bingo is free to all enrolled Potawatomi Tribal Members.\*\*



# Vote

# Linda Capps

## Vice Chairman

**Proven Leader**

**Committed**

**Dedicated**

**Diligent**

**Trustworthy**



- A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and relative.
- An understanding and perceptive lady who has the true welfare of children and elders at heart.
- A friend to Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members throughout the USA.
- A person who envisions a monument to our Veterans, a sports complex for our youth, and a great cultural center to preserve our heritage.
- A person who has made an effort to not just serve by title, but serve by deed to tribal members needing assistance.

Linda Capps, wife of Roy Capps and mother of three adult children, has been the Vice Chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation since 1989. Prior to that time, she served on the grievance committee. A Navarre descendant, Linda resides in Shawnee, but she is originally from Harrah, Oklahoma, a town that is very dear to her. She holds a BS degree in Business from the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma and a MS degree in Education from the University of Central Oklahoma. She is a former high school business educator, government contracting specialist, and business and industry development coordinator. She has also served as the Indian Education Coordinator for Tecumseh Public Schools and has taught basic education to Native American adults. In addition to the above 20 years of work history, she and her husband have owned and operated several small businesses.

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*I want each of you to know how proud I am to serve you as the Vice Chairman of our Nation. Many of you know me personally and know that I am dedicated to making our tribal government more effective and efficient. I'm proud to be a part of a Business Committee that has helped our Nation to grow and prosper in the last 12 years. I would be remiss in not acknowledging your contribution...your membership of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation represents a great family of people. This great family deserves the best of leadership. As the heart of the tribal government, your wishes should be heard and considered. You should be encouraged to participate in the tribal governmental process. I'm in hopes that we will have a more effective process in place in the near future. I would like to continue to serve as your Vice Chairman in order to help implement changes to our Constitution that will soon be proposed.*

*As you contemplate how you and your family will vote during our election in June, I would appreciate the consideration of your confidence in me for four more years. Please cut out the copy of the Request for Ballot and send it in today so those of you who cannot attend our festival can make your vote count. For those who live near and/or can travel to Shawnee, I look forward to seeing you at the festival.*





# CPN Mail Bag

## LETTER FROM THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

January 8, 2002

There have been several references to the Grievance Committee in the last few issues of the HowNiKan, specifically included in the "Letter from the Chairman" column. I would like to present our "side of the story" as the saying goes.

The members of your Grievance Committee have been busy working since late spring of this year. We have had over ten grievances handed to us for review. When we meet, it is normally for a period of four hours or more which involves some members of the committee taking time off from their jobs to make a two hour round trip drive. We don't draw a salary, we have to work around others' schedules in order to have a place to meet within our tribal headquarters, we are allowed no supplies (stapler, paper clips, pens, pencils, paper) and now we are being chastised for doing our job.

We did not personally file any of the grievances nor did we encourage anyone to file one. We were elected, by you, to do a job as outlined in our constitution which gives everyone in our tribe the right to file a grievance if they believe there has been a wrong committed. Of all of the grievances we have reviewed, we have only found ONE that we sent to court. Now

don't misunderstand me, we found a LOT of things that were done wrong, but according to the laws currently in place, our hands were tied as to finding cause for misconduct.

We had complaints about violations of the Election Ordinance. While researching this we discovered that WE HAVE NO VALID ELECTION ORDINANCE. The tribal attorney drafted an Election Ordinance and sent it to us on January 30, 1986, to be taken to the Business Committee for review. On February 2, 1987 (more than a year later) Chairman Barrett and the Business Committee reviewed the Election Ordinance but did NOT draft a resolution to accept it. Although our Constitution says we MUST have an Election Ordinance in place, we don't. Instead, someone took it upon them self to type one up and start using it without making it legal. This is not only frustrating to our committee but leaves us to question whatever is handed to us to be accepted on blind faith.

### ARTICLE 12 – ELECTIONS

Section 1. ÖAll elections shall be conducted pursuant to an election ordinance adopted by appropriate legislation of the Citizen Band Business CommitteeÖ

### ARTICLE 18 – TRIBAL ENACTMENT

Section 2. ÖAll final decisions of the

Business Committee on matters of temporary interest or matters relating to particular circumstances, officials, or individuals shall be embodied in resolutionsÖ

We are finding things located in our tribal public records that may show that tribal affairs are not being conducted according to our constitution. On August 15, 2001, I called Tribal Rolls to have something looked up for a grievance we were working on and was told that yesterday (August 14, 2001) Bob Trousdale came into Tribal Rolls and told them that Chairman Barrett gave orders that the Grievance Committee could no longer have access to public records of the tribe unless it was approved by either Chairman Barrett or Bob Trousdale. I don't know how you feel but we feel this handicapped our ability to do our job. When we ask to see the new policy we were told it was being typed up. The next day we were told that NO tribal member could access our tribal public records. You know there's a reason these records are called public don't you? Anyway after another day, the rules change again and we are told we must go through the tribal attorneys for ALL matters involving the research of records. Not wanting to cause any trouble (although we know we have a right to see the records),

we abide by Chairman Barrett's wishes.

A month goes by and as the Grievance Committee is meeting at the tribal headquarters, Chairman Barrett enters our closed meeting waving the bills from the tribal attorney and accusing us of abusing our powers by calling the attorneys too much. He says we will have to answer to the tribal members for what we've done and a few other choice words and leaves. Now we're not rocket scientists but we get the impression that we are being accosted for doing what we were told, which was to direct ALL research to the tribal attorneys.

We rarely meet at the tribal headquarters now because Chairman Barrett frequently interrupted our meetings. In fact the last time we met there was September 12, 2001. We get paid a whopping sum of \$50 each for every time we meet at tribal headquarters, otherwise we make nothing. We have chosen "nothing" over the \$50 so we can conduct our meetings undisturbed.

If any tribal member would like to speak to one of us who have been accused of misusing the tribe's money we would be more than happy to speak with you.

**Kristie Hall**  
Chairman

## A RESPONSE FROM TRIBAL CHAIRMAN JOHN BARRETT

I allowed this letter to the HowNiKan to be printed even though it is libelous, accuses me of a crime, and is full of deliberate untruths. I want all of our tribal members to see the kind of partisan proceedings that the Grievance Committee is conducting when they are supposed to be an impartial body conducting the serious business of investigating valid grievances. What they are actually doing is using the grievance procedures to punish me because their candidate lost the last election — since the majority of them endorsed her in ads in the HowNiKan. I am asking for fair, just, and unbiased treatment from the Grievance Committee. Here are things as I see them:

Kristie Hall, John Rhodd, and Teresa Vieux have reviewed the same grievances over and over. The Tribal Attorney absolutely refused to prosecute the grievance they sent to Tribal Court but they continued the prosecution anyway by hiring another lawyer. The grievance was promptly dismissed by the Court but I still had to pay for my own attorney fees to defend myself. They wasted thousands of dollars in tribal attorney fees on this and other cases and collected per diems while repeatedly holding hearings on grievances that did not warrant consideration. They have formally heard

more grievances than all the previous Grievance Committees combined.

The grievance that was dismissed by the Tribal Court was filed by Hilton Melot. He said he was coerced and "forced into voting" for the resolution that approved the trust fund budget on the ballot in the last election because he did not get to "prepare" it. He saw the budget at a prior meeting the night before and did not object or offer changes. He voted for the resolution with the budget and did not object or offer changes. He made the motion to adjourn the meeting and did not object or offer changes. Only when he thought he could affect the election in favor of my opponent did he file a bizarre grievance saying he had been "forced to vote for it." Now Melot is one of the three guys who voted to take away my salary and vehicle. He is one of the three guys who voted to deprive me of my Constitutional authority to hire and fire and reward tribal employees — how could I "force" him to do anything? The whole silly mess was bogus from the start and an abuse of the grievance process — and Kristie Hall and John Rhodd, and Teresa Vieux found probable cause to send it to Tribal Court!

The Grievance Committee was never, ever, denied access to tribal records by me or anyone else. Kristie Hall was told she

could not order the tribal staff around endlessly, disrupting tribal operations, to get documents for her without requesting them from department heads or a member of the administration. Bob Trousdale had to tell her the rules. Any tribal member can get records of the tribe that are not protected under federal law. Kristie Hall's reckless accusation is totally false. Worse, it is an accusation of a constitutional violation. She should send the issue to the Tribal Court if she really believes this happened.

As for her charge that I "disrupted their meeting," I entered one meeting held by the Grievance Committee, after knocking at the door. There was no "closed meeting" sign. I showed them the bills from the tribal attorney. All meetings of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, including the Grievance Committee, are open public meetings unless posted otherwise. I came back to the same meeting and told them their excessive use of attorney time in pursuit of what appeared to be a vendetta was needlessly expensive and they would have to answer to the people for their behavior. I spoke in a normal tone of voice. They were not denied meeting space or supplies.

Kristie Hall's accusation that there is no Election Ordinance is preposterous. She thinks the Business Committee has to

pass a resolution to adopt an Ordinance and she could find no resolution adopting the Election Ordinance. She asked no one. Ordinances are adopted directly and placed in the Tribal Code book according to Article 18, Sec. 3 of the Constitution, which she deliberately omits in her letter. She did not talk to the Election Committee before or after she made this absurd deduction. They would have told her that the election ordinance now in effect was adopted in their presence. This is an outlandish accusation made with little effort to find out the true facts. Is this what a Grievance Committee member is supposed to do? No.

I suspect Kristie Hall wrote her letter knowing full well that it would be very difficult for me to file a grievance against her for writing it. She knows that under the Constitution, a grievance filed against a member of the Grievance Committee must be filed with the Business Committee — Hilton Melot, Gene Bruno, and J.P. Motley, and they will not vote for it.

Please help me to put an end to behavior like this. Vote to change our Constitution. Vote to re-elect Linda Capps as Vice Chairman. Vote to elect D. Wayne Trousdale as Secretary Treasurer.

Thank you.

**John Barrett**  
Tribal Chairman





## Hau Nikanek,

My name is John Rhodd and I am running for Vice-Chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in the upcoming election. I want to use this first advertisement in the tribal newspaper to introduce myself.

I was born and raised in Kansas near the old reservation of our people and I have many friends and relatives who live there. I am a descendant of the Rhodd family and include among my relatives the Vieux, Bruno, Wano, and Curley families. As you know, the Rhodds, my ancestors, have been involved in Potawatomi tribal government for over one hundred and fifty

years. I moved back to Oklahoma over three years ago in order to follow in their footsteps. You elected me last year to the grievance committee and I hope I have served your interests with honor.

I am an active duty Staff Sergeant stationed out of Midwest City, Oklahoma serving as a recruiter for the Army Reserve. I have over twenty-two years service in the United States Army during which I have held many leadership positions. I have led men and women in the military and I know the value and experience of giving orders and seeing them carried out. More importantly, I know the value of taking orders and carrying them out to the best of my ability.

Being a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation governing body, the Business Committee, means taking direction from you, the General Council, and following those directions with honor and distinction. I can do that.

In the next few months before the election I will be meeting with as many of you as I am able. What I need from you is to tell me what path you want our nation to follow in the years ahead. Listed below are my address, my email address, and phone numbers where you can reach me.

Call me, write me, or e-mail me with your suggestions and in the next few weeks we can come to some kind of understanding about how I can help you lead our nation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Ja-geh nago-non, (All our Relations)  
John Rhodd

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**John  
Rhodd  
Vice-Chairman**



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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is divided into different "Regional Offices" to help cover the extended membership across the nation. Originally labeled merely by region names, regional boundaries were established in 1997 using the US Postal Service "3 digit" Zip code areas. Region "O" is generally considered Oklahoma while the other states that are not numbered currently do not have an official "Regional" designator.

## REGIONAL REPORTS

### Northern California

Bosho, Niconi,

Spring is the most wonderful time of the year. All that's been sleeping is beginning to wake up. Those of us that don't sleep all winter must slosh on and make the best of whatever winter offers us. And right when you think it's over Mother Earth shows us that she isn't quite done. Perhaps just one more snowstorm or just a few more inches of rain. After all, mother does know best.

Springtime is also the time for regional meetings and I am very happy to announce that this year's Northern California meeting is to be held in Jackson, California, at the Jackson Rancheria Casino Hotel Conference Center on Saturday, April 13, 2002. I'm very excited about this because not only are we

going to be in a wonderful facility, we are also going to be working with one of the local tribes (Miwok) which owns the Rancheria. Check their web site out [www.jacksoncasino.com](http://www.jacksoncasino.com)

Jackson Rancheria has a very nice hotel with swimming and hot tub facilities so if you plan on coming and would also like a nice break from the winter humdrum, this could be a wonderful opportunity to visit with the rest of your extended family plus we should have lots of goodies from the tribal store available.

As you've heard me say before, the regional council meetings are unique in as much as the entire Business Committee comes to us. It is our responsibility and duty as tribal members to ask questions about

whatever may be on your mind. If you have an issue or a question this is the time to ask it and ask the person or persons responsible. This year the position of vice chair and secretary/treasurer are up for election. Both Linda Capps and Gene Bruno I believe are running so if you have any questions for them or any others that may enter the election again now is a perfect time to pose your questions to the very people that are asking you for your vote and support.

Don't forget April 13. Mark it on your calendar. You'll be receiving invitations very shortly. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with your extended family.

Bamamine,

Thom Finks

### North Texas

The daffodils are blooming and the weather is up and down. The daffodils, pansies, cyclamen and alyssum have survived the freezes. New records have been set with some of the lowest temperatures ever for days in March. Yet we have been lucky. Still very little ice on the roads.

For those of you who are looking for health care for your children, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) may be of help to you. This is a low cost program and I understand that it is no cost for Native Americans. The people at the Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas have been very helpful. They have the forms and information. Their number is 214-941-1050 and the metro number is 972-263-0313.

The Northern Texas Regional Meeting has been changed from March 30 to May 18. The location will be the Holiday Inn Select at Hwy. 114 and Esters. We have had our meeting there a couple of times. You should receive an invitation somewhere between the first and 15th of April. This is a time in our tribe when we should come together and discuss our concerns. Our country has been under attack this past year and our tribe seems to be also. Please try to come to ask your questions and express your feelings.

We need to come together as a group and celebrate our culture and heritage.

Keep in mind the deadlines for scholarships. To get your application, just call the 800 number and ask for Mary Farrell. The people in that office

will be glad to help. While this won't cover all your costs, it is very generous and will certainly help.

Or give me a call about this or any other requests and I will be glad to direct you.

Marj Hobdy



### 2002 Regional Council Schedule

(Revised March 2002)

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Eastern United States | Feb. 16, 2002  |
| Southwest             | Feb. 23, 2002  |
| Washington/Oregon     | March 23, 2002 |
| South Texas           | April 6, 2002  |
| Northern California   | April 13, 2002 |
| Midwest               | April 20, 2002 |
| Southern California   | May 11, 2002   |
| North Texas           | May 18, 2002   |
| Colorado              | June 1, 2002   |



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## Oregon/Washington/Idaho

### Bozho Ni Je Na?

I am well and hope this finds all of the Northwest members well also. Spring has finally found us and I am so happy to put winter behind us.

Have you ever made a trip up the Columbia Gorge and seen those big horn sheep on the hillside? Years ago, people on the Warm Springs reservation were familiar with the sight of bighorn sheep. Some people made beaded bags that included the image of the sheep. These are now shown in museums. Many years ago at the Columbia River, tribal

people drew pictures of the sheep onto rocks; examples of these petroglyphs are on rocks at The Dalles, for instance. On the reservation the bighorn sheep has not been seen for several decades, until just recently. Twenty wild bighorns were released last month in the Mutton Mountains. The Natural Resources Department is tracking the animals and the hope is that the sheep will multiply and repopulate the Mutton Mountains. No, you may not hunt them.

Well, not to be outdone, that Yakama Tribe up in Toppenish,

WA. has been increasing their buffalo herd. Recently, a Seattle police officer donated his 14 animal herd from Kittitas County to the 53 cows and bulls. Different tribes from all across the country have been trying to bring the buffalo herds back as a part of Indian Culture. The estimate is about 10,000 animals across our nation a small number compared to the numbers that roamed the lands before the commercial slaughter killed off most wild bison in the 1850s. Today's herd management mixes the modern with

the traditional. Instead of range grass, the buffalo munch alfalfa hay on the 160-acre ranch of the Yakama. They use trucks to lead the animals toward cattle chutes for vaccination, as horses move too slow for the fleet footed creatures. The ranch is located within the reservation but the Yakamas avoid publicly disclosing the ranch's exact location in order to avoid visitor traffic. They do have a restaurant in Toppenish that serve Buffalo steaks and burgers if you want to try the meat.

School will be out soon and those who are going on to college need to be applying for their grants for next semester. Call the office if I can send you a scholarship form. Have you noticed it seems to be the moms who end up enrolling the children and grandchildren? If you want your little ones enrolled, get that birth certificate and call me for the forms. 1-800-522-3744. Until I talk to you again, Pa Ma Pi (later sometime).

Megwich,

Rocky Baptiste

## Southwest

We had a wonderful turn out this year in the old west town of Rawhide. Thirty-three children attended, breaking the Southwest record - this is just the beginning. The regional meeting grows every year, as most family reunions do. Rocky Barrett, our Chairman, told stories about the origination of the ceremonial dances performed by Leslie Deer, director of the museum and gift shop. Leslie demonstrated the jingle dance and the fancy shawl dances in full regalia. If you were unable to attend, you really missed a day of fun. Everyone enjoyed the history and hearing about the progress in Shawnee.

There were stagecoach hold ups, bull riding, gunfights and some pretty tasty food. Linda Capps, our Vice Chairman, awarded prizes for the art contest and raffled prizes gifted for the occasion. While the Southwest Region is breaking attendance records, I might also add that it was a record-breaking 85 degrees in February.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the days' success. If you were one who missed out, the next big event is, of course the Potawatomi Heritage Festival. Start making plans to attend, as it is the only gathering that supersedes our regional meetings. I have

attended every year for the last five years and I have had the opportunity to meet new family, learn more about my own heritage and see the new developments in Shawnee from previous years. The Festival truly deepens your sense of pride. I love seeing the children in their regalia dancing to the beat of a drum and the mothers not far behind. The chants and music of generations ago encircle and warm the coldest of hearts. It releases all pressures of the work-a-day world and brings you, as one, into a much bigger picture. For a few days you can take deep breaths, enjoy the family, feast as you may, rest until your rested, smile, knowing where your heart of hearts lives.

If you have any questions or hesitations that would keep you from going, please, please, call me and we can put them to rest. Where there is a will, there is a way. Let's figure out how YOU can enjoy Pow Wow (The Festival) this year.

Gene Lambert

### DONATIONS TO THE HowNiKan

Dorothy Hicks, \$20  
Evelyn O. Ball,  
Lafayette, IN - \$10

## MULTI-REGIONAL ART COMPETITIONS

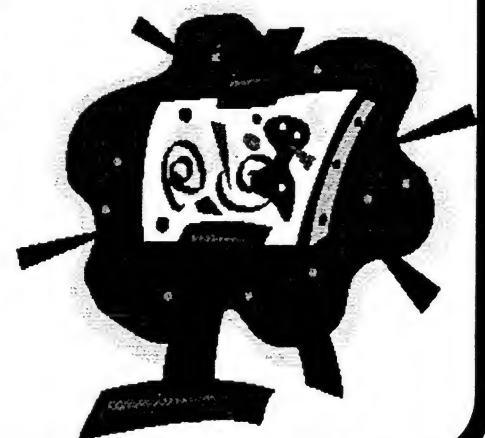
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### MULTI-REGIONAL ART COMPETITION PRIZES

\$150 FIRST PRIZE • \$100 SECOND PRIZE • \$50 THIRD PRIZE

- ALL ENROLLED CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE MULTI-REGIONAL ART COMPETITIONS.
- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE OF AN INDIAN HERITAGE THEME.
- ARTISTS OF ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENTER THE ART COMPETITIONS. AGE GROUPS WILL BE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: 6-9 YEARS OLD, 10-12 YEARS OLD, AND 13 AND UP.
- ENTRIES MUST BE THE WORK OF THE ARTIST WITHOUT ASSISTANCE AND MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE ART COMPETITION DATE.
- ELIGIBLE ARTISTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR ART IN THE REGION IN WHICH THEY RESIDE. IF AN ARTIST FAILS TO SUBMIT THEIR ART IN THE REGION IN WHICH THEY RESIDE, THEY ARE **NOT** ELIGIBLE TO ENTER ANY OTHER MULTI-REGIONAL ART COMPETITION.
- ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OR BROUGHT TO THE REGIONAL MEETING TO BE PUT ON DISPLAY AT THE REGIONAL MEETING.
- EACH ARTIST IS LIMITED TO, BUT NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT (3) THREE ENTRIES.
- ONLY ONE PRIZE WILL BE PAID TO EACH CONTESTANT. A CONTESTANT THAT WINS MORE THAN ONE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED THE HIGHER OF THE PRIZES.
- ARTISTS WHO WIN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES IN THE 13 AND OVER AGE CATEGORY, AT ANY MULTI-REGIONAL ART COMPETITION, MAY ADVANCE THEIR WINNING PIECE(S) OF ART TO THE GRAND PRIZE ART COMPETITION HELD IN JUNE.
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: DENNETTE BARE  
AT 1-800-880-9880 OR CITIZEN POTAWATOMI  
NATION ART COMPETITION, 1601 S. GORDON  
COOPER DR., SHAWNEE, OK 74801, OR BY E-MAIL  
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# Midwest Bluegrass Festival



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San Antonio, Texas

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MY FELLOW CITIZEN POTAWATOMI,

MANY OF YOU HAVE CALLED ABOUT MY COLUMN IN THE LAST HOWNIKAN TO SEE HOW YOU COULD HELP TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS WE ARE HAVING HERE AT THE TRIBE. I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFER AND CONCERN. THERE ARE FOUR THINGS I WOULD ASK YOU TO DO:

1. WHEN IT IS SUBMITTED TO YOU FOR YOUR VOTE, PLEASE VOTE FOR THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION TO CREATE SEPARATE LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES WITH A BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN THE THREE AND ALLOW THE REGIONAL COUNCILS TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO A TRIBAL LEGISLATURE.
2. VOTE FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW ANYONE TO RUN FOR TRIBAL CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE IF THEY WILL MOVE TO THE SHAWNEE AREA TO SERVE.
3. VOTE FOR LINDA CAPPS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN. SHE IS THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB — EXPERIENCED, HONEST, AND QUALIFIED. SHE SUPPORTS CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS.
4. VOTE FOR D. WAYNE TROUSDALE FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER. HE SUPPORTS THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND IS, FAR AND AWAY, THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB.

THANK YOU,  
JOHN BARRETT  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

PAID FOR BY TRIBAL CHAIRMAN JOHN A. BARRETT JR.,  
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# Southwest Regional Council



Vice Chairman Linda Capps And The Youngest Tribal Member Present, McKenzie Lynn Liles, 2.



Susan Toupin And Her Sister Linda Harris. Susan Traveled Farthest For The Meeting, From Truckee, California



Chairman Barrett With Dorothy Hicks, The Wisest Tribal Member Present



Art Winners:  
Left, First Place Winner Sue Turner, Buckeye, Arizona. Near Right: Hilton Melot And Second Place Winner Robert Gardom, Eagar, Arizona. Far Right: Melot And Third Place Winner Evan Stoll Of Mesa, Arizona.



# Rawhide, Arizona • February 23, 2002

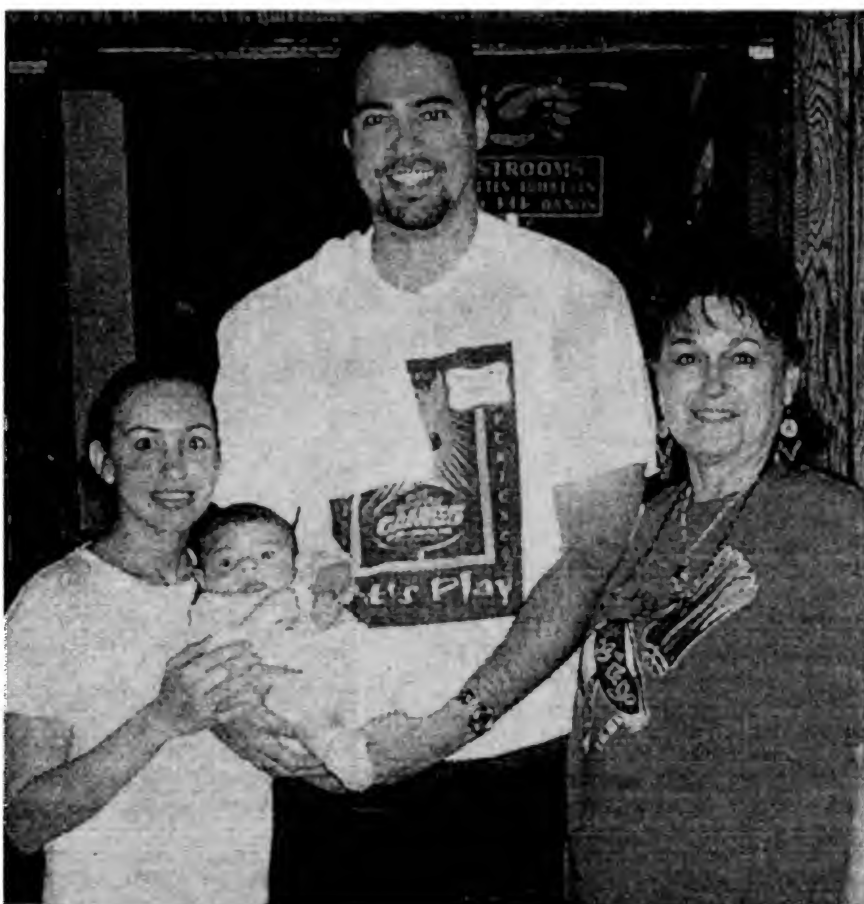


Dorothy Hicks' Granddaughter

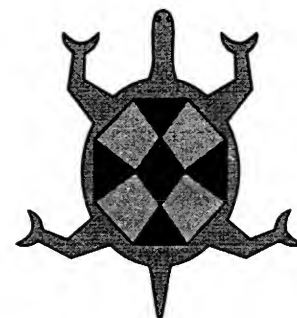


A Southwest Atmosphere Got Tribal Members Ready For Council

Below: Vanessa, Camonchet, Alfred (Baby) And Deanna Neves (LeClair Family)



Lee And Terry Melot







## FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Dear Tribal Members,

In the last issue of the HowNiKan, Chairman Barrett made a number of allegations about my conduct that I believe require a direct response. Members of the Business Committee have kept silent through a number of Mr. Barrett's "From the Chairman" editorials because of ongoing court proceedings.

The fact that our position was unanimously supported by the Potawatomi Supreme Court should be an indication that we have taken the correct and legal path on your behalf. We believe that Mr. Barrett serving as tribal administrator and tribal chairman became a conflict of interest. The Potawatomi Supreme Court supports our position on this matter.

The Business Committee is not out to "bankrupt the tribe," as Mr. Barrett alleges. We are however concerned about a number of actions the Chairman has taken without our consultation and consent, and without informing you, the General Council. We are deeply concerned about the direction Chairman Barrett has taken our Nation in his role as tribal administrator.

I agree with the Chairman that this could be the most important election in the tribe's history. What I do not agree with is the Chairman's constant editorial attacks on the Business Committee that you, the General Council, have elected into office to serve you.

The Chairman constantly refers to Esther Lowden, his opponent in the last election. Esther is a well-respected member of the Potawatomi Nation who served with distinction as museum director for many years until Chairman Barrett fired her after she indicated her intention to run for political office. Esther Lowden ran for tribal chairman of her own accord and was "hand-picked" by no one including the members of the Business Committee. If any of you know Esther, you know she is, and always was, her own person. To suggest that the Business Committee or anyone manipulated Esther is to attack her character without cause.

Chairman Barrett also leveled accusations at me personally regarding certain contracts in housing and for the "tire deal." Those of you who know me know that I would never condone this type of behavior. The intention of the Business Committee during the "tire deal" was to reclaim nearly a half-mile of very valuable farmland. The entire Business Committee voted for the proposal and the final cost of the project was shared by the state of Oklahoma. In the next few months, those of you attending the regional council meetings will get an opportunity to question members of the Business Committee and the Tribal Chairman. Let me suggest to you some questions you might ask the Tribal Chairman and the entire Business Committee. Check the comments from the Chairman carefully. He has attacked the other members of the Business Committee, members of the Grievance Committee, the tribal attorney and his political opponents. Is the Tribal Chairman the only one who is right? Are we all just "out to get" him as he charges? What is wrong with a free and independent press for you the Potawatomi people? Many tribes here in Oklahoma have an independent press and members of the Business Committee want to give that right to you, guaranteed in the Potawatomi Constitution. In the fifteen years since Mr. Barrett has controlled the HowNiKan, the tribal newspaper has gone from an award winning newspaper to what it is now. Look at the unsupported accusations he has leveled at just the duly elected officials of the tribe. Regardless of the outcome of this year's elections, I believe that you the General Council deserve to have the following:

1. A free and independent tribal newspaper. We propose a free and independent editorial board to oversee the newspaper. The editorial board members will be nominated and appointed by the entire Business Committee. Eventually you, the General Council, will elect them. The constant attacks on all the other elected officials of the tribe have got to stop. By appointing an editorial board, this will be the first step in that direction.

2. We want timely and accurate financial statements to be given to you, the General Council, as well as to the elected members of the Business Committee. As it now stands we have been up to three months behind on financial reports. This situation is the direct result of the Chairman's "day to day" handling of the tribe's affairs.

3. We want to hire a tribal administrator who will work under the direction of the entire Business Committee and not just the Tribal Chairman. Mr. Barrett is right that the position of tribal administrator is not a constitutional position, but neither are any of the department heads, the health clinic, gaming operations, or any other enterprise. Using the Tribal Chairman's logic, we would have no tribal employees. We feel that is simply not the kind of government or tribal administration that you the General Council would want.

Finally, ask yourself a question posed earlier. Is everyone in the tribe against Mr. Barrett? Why has he engaged in mud slinging for months against the entire Business Committee, the Grievance Committee, the tribal attorney and his opponent in the election nearly a year ago? Are all of us wrong? Is he the only one who knows the affairs of the Potawatomi Nation so well that only he can be trusted to do the right thing? The Business Committee has kept silent, as these issues have been before the tribal courts. But in the last HowNiKan, I feel that the Chairman stepped over the line. Don't let him put words in people's mouths. Call us if you want to hear something other than the continued attacks in the tribal newspaper.

Sincerely,

**Gene Bruno**



## CPN Mail Bag

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Please accept my thanks for once again approving my scholarship application. The Tribe's continued financial support allows me to get the best education and experience from the United States Naval Academy. So far from home, out here on the East Coast, it means so much to have help from friends and family.

Thank you,

Midshipman 3/C  
Brooke H. Anderson



Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you again for the assistance you've provided me in paying for my academic costs here at Creighton University.

Sincerely,

Daniel Coulter



Dear Scholarship Committee,

Just a note to say thank you for all that you do to help us attend college. We could not have this opportunity for education without your assistance. After our mom passed away we were greatly concerned about finances. We see this as part of God's provision to help us get our education.

Jacque & Lyndsey Loyd



Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you for the financial help you have given me over the past five years while I obtained both of my degrees at Hesston College. I am now a Registered Nurse and I could not have done it without your help. Thanks so much for helping change my life in a major positive way. I greatly appreciate it!

Cathy Fiedler

Dear Scholarship Committee,

We wish to thank the Scholarship Committee for their hard work providing scholarships to the many recipients.

My brother and I are very grateful for the scholarships we have received. We appreciate the continued support of furthering our college education.

Thank you again,

Thomas & Donald Nickou



Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship given to me this spring. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and giving which are benefiting my education. I am really enjoying the University of Oklahoma and all that it has to offer. Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely,

Lauren London



Dear Scholarship Committee,

Once again I would like to thank you and all those at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for awarding me scholarship money to help pay for my college classes. The money that you have given me has truly helped in furthering my goals in college. By taking classes now while I'm still in high school I'm getting a head start on my future. Without the scholarship money it would be very hard to continue with my goals. I hope that in the future the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's scholarship money will help my college career as I plan to attend Washburn University. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Holly Williams

## Oklahoma Regional Art Competition

**May 25, 2002**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Longroom**

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## From The Chairman

By JOHN A. "ROCKY" BARRETT

Bouzho, Nicon. (Hello, my friends)

The proposed new Constitution will create a separate legislature, executive branch, and tribal court. Each of these branches would have salaried positions. In the past, I have advocated unpaid executive officers, saying, "All you get with paid elected officials is professional politicians." Since the Business Committee legislative positions are part-time, meeting only once every two weeks or so, the present per diem of \$50 is just barely adequate. For the full time positions, Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman, it is not, even if it were drawn each day.

The problem is even more complicated than that. If you set the salaries low, you will not get your best people to leave their present jobs and run for office. I have been fortunate in my personal business and can serve as Chairman with no salary. It is not what I would choose, but I can do it. Linda Capps draws a salary set by the Business Committee that is less than she could make away from the Tribe. If the best and most qualified Citizen Potawatomi candidate for the new Chairman after me is not so fortunate, and the candidate for the next Vice Chairman after Linda Capps is not willing to take less than he or she can earn elsewhere, the result will inevitably be that a less qualified candidate will run, or worse, a person will run who plans to make money off of the tribe through a conflict of interest or some "side deal." Do not let this happen, please.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman under the new Constitution will have minimum salaries set by the Constitution at 60% and 40% of a U.S. Congressman's salary. This would make the executive salary around \$83,000 for the Chairman and \$62,000 for the Vice Chairman. I can never draw the new salary since the language in the Constitution prohibits changing the salary of a sitting executive officer. So this Constitutional change is not a salary grab. Any change in my salary, which right now is zero, must come from the elected Business Committee.

Since some Congressmen serve districts resembling our tribe, I felt that a reduced percentage of that salary would be a good Constitutional provision. It is interesting that the governor of Oklahoma receives \$70,000 per year, but he also gets a house, utilities, chauffeur, all his expenses, an airplane and pilot, and his insurance coverage — a package worth over \$150,000.

The members of the Tribal Legislature will have duties away from their elected positions, just as the present members of the Business Committee have duties away from the Business Committee when we attend Regional Councils. The pay for the three-day weekend is \$66 per day. We should compensate the members of the legislature more than that. The new Constitution calls for the compensation of the Legislators to be set by the Legislature.

Tribal judges presently draw \$300 per day on the bench. This is not sufficient pay for an attorney. It should be at least \$400 or more or we will not be able to attract the best quality and most experienced people. The present Tribal Judges make a great sacrifice in the cause of Indian justice. Almost all of them serve on more than one tribal court. Almost all of them travel great distances to serve.

The new Constitution is being handed out and discussed at the Regional Councils. I will attempt to get it submitted to the BIA by the Business Committee, but it does not look good for its chances. A resolution advocating the principal of putting the Regional Councils in the Constitution, and having separate legislative, executive, and judicial branches was defeated in the last Business Committee meeting by Gene Bruno, Hilton Melot, and J.P. Motley by a motion to table the resolution. A similar resolution to support the principal that any adult tribal member from anywhere should be able to run for Chairman or Vice Chairman was also defeated by those same three men.

It appears that the only way I will get a resolution to change our Constitution will be from you, the people. It will happen. It is the right thing to do. All Citizen Potawatomi should have equal representation and opportunity to serve.

Megwetch,

*John Barrett*  
John Barrett

## AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL



Tribal officials paid several visits to government officials in Washington, D.C. while in the East for a regional council. Above, Vice Chairman Linda Capps And Chairman John Barrett (right) pose with Bruce Blanchard and Dr. Ken Reinfeld. At right, Barrett visits with BIA Computer Science Specialist Donal Ray Williams



Above: Capps and Barrett with tribal member Emily Wright, who is with the Office of Native American Programs at HUD. Below, Bob Carlile and Barrett pose with HUD official Ted Key.

